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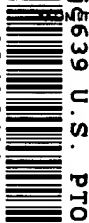
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a Request for filing a continuation X divisional
application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior application
Serial No. 08/817,188 filed on May 15, 1997

by
Marc DeBlock

for
Genetic Transformation Using a PARP Inhibitor

1. X Enclosed is a true copy of the complete prior above-identified application as filed, consisting of specification, claims and declaration.
2. X The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

			LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	BASIC FEE		\$760.00	\$380.00
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE FEE	RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	13- 20 =	0	x 18 = \$	x 9 = \$
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1- 3 =	0	x 78 = \$	x 39 = \$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED			+ \$260.00	+ \$135.00
TOTAL			\$760.00	

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 760.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$ _____. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line thereof the following:

This application is a ☒ continuation ☒ divisional of copending application Serial No. 08/817,188, filed on May 15, 1997, Application Serial No. 08/817,188 is a 371 national application of international application PCT/EP96/03366, filed on July 31, 1996. The entire contents of these applications are hereby incorporated by reference.

6. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
7. ☐ Enclosed is/are _____ sheet(s) of _____ drawings.
8. ☐ A verified statement claiming small entity status was

filed in prior application Serial No. _____
on _____. See attached copy
of verified statement claiming small entity.

9. X The prior application is assigned to Plant Genetic Systems, N.V.

10. ✓X A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.

11a. _____ Priority of Application No(s). _____ filed in _____ on _____ is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on _____.

11b. X Priority of International Appln. PCT/EP96/03366 filed on July 31, 1996 under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and European Application No. 95401844.6 filed in Europe on August 4, 1995 under 35 U.S.C. § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

12. ✓X An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

13. X Address all future communications to:

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14. _____ An extension of time for _____ month(s) until _____ has been submitted in parent application Serial No. _____ in order to establish copendency with the present application.

15. _____ Also enclosed herewith is the following:

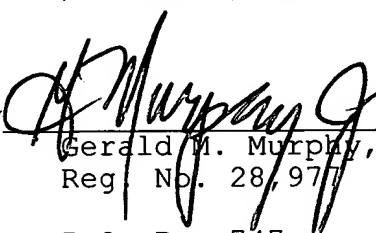
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448, including any additional filing fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or any patent application processing fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.


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